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SUBJECT: REACTION TO AGREEMENT CANCELLATION OF
US-USSR TRADE

1. GERMAN PRESS HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO
SOVIET CANCELLATION OF US-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT,
BUT EDITORIALS SHOWED CONSIDERABLE DIVERGENCE
IN ASSESSING EVENTUAL IMPACT ON EAST-WEST DETENTE.
THE MOST STRIKING PRESS ITEM WAS CONTAINED IN
VORWAERTS, THE OFFICIAL SPD WEEKLY, WHICH GAVE
PROMINENCE TO COMMENTS BY PROFESSOR NIKOLAI
INOSEMTSEV, DIRECTOR OF MOSCOW INSTITUTE FOR
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WORLD ECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, WHO

PARTICIPATED IN THE SPD CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN POLICY HELD IN BONN LAST WEEKEND. INOSEMTSEV REPORTEDLY SAID THAT NEITHER THE PRINCIPLE OF DETENTE NOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS HAD FAILED, AND EXPRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE THAT THE SETBACK TO DETENTE WOULD BE OVERCOME. REFERRING TO THE LONG-RANGE PRODUCTION PLANS OF MOSCOW, HE CONCLUDED THAT THE NEW ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WEST WAS "NOT A TEMPORARY TACTICAL SOLUTION BASED UPON TRANSITORY CONSIDERATIONS".

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH FRAU STEEG IN FRG ECONOMICS MINISTRY, ECON/COMM MINISTER ASKED WHETHER FRG HAD ENCOUNTERED ANY SIGN THAT USSR IS SEEKING TO EXPLOIT IN ANY WAY ABROGATION OF TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE US. STEEG SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGN OF ANY SWITCH IN SOVIET TRADE POLICY IN EITHER BILATERAL OR EC CONTEXT. SHE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT ONE SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE "DISCRIMINATORY" ASPECT OF \$300 MILLION EXIMBANK LIMITATION. IN HER EXPERIENCE SOVIETS WERE MOST SENSITIVE OF ANYTHING THAT SMACKED OF LESS THAN EQUAL TREATMENT. HILLENBRAND

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